

Table 1. Measures of Variation in State Life Expectancy at Birth and at Age 65 for White Males and Females: 1960 to 1990

	Interquartile Difference (years)	Coefficient of Variation	Root Mean Square Deviation (RMSD)	Dispersion Index
Life Expectancy at Birth				
White Males				
1960	1.0	0.014	0.93	1.00
1970	1.3	0.015	1.04	1.12
1980	1.1	0.013	0.94	1.01
1990	1.6	0.015	1.13	1.22
White Females				
1960	1.0	0.010	0.76	1.00
1970	1.0	0.010	0.74	0.97
1980	0.8	0.009	0.73	0.96
1990	0.9	0.010	0.81	1.07
Life Expectancy at Age 65				
White Males				
1960	0.9	0.040	0.52	1.00
1970	0.8	0.038	0.50	0.96
1980	0.8	0.035	0.50	0.96
1990	0.9	0.038	0.58	1.12
White Females				
1960	0.9	0.034	0.55	1.00
1970	0.9	0.030	0.52	0.95
1980	0.7	0.025	0.47	0.85
1990	0.6	0.028	0.55	1.00

Sources: National Center for Health Statistics, 1975. Some Trends and Comparisons of United States Life-Table Data: 1900-1971. National Center for Health Statistics, 1985-86. State Life Tables, Alabama-Wyoming, U.S. Decennial Life Tables for 1979-81. National Center for Health Statistics, 1998. U.S. Decennial Life Tables for 1989-91, State Life Tables.

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